Alleged revolt by leaders in Eastern Himalayas

2914. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Weekly Sunday Mail of December 1—7, 1991 under the captions "Ghesing-Bhandari raise banner of revolt"; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Government have seen the news item in question. There is no movement for secession of Sikkim or of Darjeeling hills as mentioned in the news item.

More amenities to freedom fighters

2915. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of pension for freedom fighters still pending with Government for consideration;

(b) by when all these cases are likely to be decided;

(c) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration for grant of more amenities to freedom fighters and their families; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) Only 9,16 cases are pending for grant of pension to freedom fighters. Efforts are hade to dispose them of at the earliest.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Such proposals as and when received are considered and disposed on merits.

Arms seized in Rajasthan

2916. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of arms along with makes thereof seized during the last three years in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) the number of persons arrested in this connection; and

(c) what action has been taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Parking in Shantiniketan Colony

2917. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply of Unstarred Question 1397 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th January, 1991 and state:

(a) whether the Shantiniketan Residents Association (Regd.) New Delhi wrote to the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) New Delhi on the 25th April, 1991 that the real problem was the parking of vehicles on foot-path in adjoining residential houses of Street No. 2 in the Colony and especially on days when social congregations are held by the Sadhu Vaswani Mission in the School premises and on Saturdays, which resulted not only traffic but pollution hazards also and reiterated its request for the installation of a "No parking Board" under the authority of the Delhi Police on the foot-path in front of House Nos. 23 and 24 on this Street; and

(b) if so, what are the difficulties which lie in the way of the authorities concerned to put up such a Board to obviate all the nuisance caused by the parking of school vehicles and those of the visitors which at times number more than a dozen or so?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Delhi Police has reported that a complant was received from Shanti Niketan Residents' Association regarding parking of buses of Sadhu Vaswani School, Shanti Niketan in Street No. 2. Enquiries made by the Delhi Police showed that the school has hired 8 to 10 buses for bringing children to school and taking them back. These buses are temporarily parked during the school hours and have not been found creating any obstructious to traffic. The installation of "No Parking Board" has not been considered recessary.

Bomb in Boeing Aircraft

2918. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a crude bomb was detected recently in Boeing Aircraft scheduled for New York at Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps to check such incidents in future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) On 1st December, 1991, Air India Flight No. 111 (Boeing-747) from Madras to New York via New Delhi and London arrived at New Delhi at 0705 hours. While catering carts were being positioned, a PVC bag was found in the gallery. As the contents looked suspicious Air India Security immediately removed the bag from the aircraft. Bomb disposal Squad of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security rushed to the spot. During examination the bag was found to contain an Improvised Explosive Device. It was neutralised by the Explosive Experts. Shri Balwinder Singh Nigah, an employee of Chef-Air, has been arrested in connection with the incident and has been remanded to Police custody upto 17.12.1991. Air India have suspended one Officer and have asked another Officer to proceed on leave. The Hotel Corporation of India have suspended four Officers including Shri Balwinder Singh Nigah, Security contractors of Flight Kitchen have been instructed to remove their 2 supervisors from Flight-Catering Delhi, with immediate effect. An internal audit of security procedures has been ordered in all organisations under the Ministry of Civil Aviaton. Commissioner of Security, Civil Aviation has been asked to make an enquiry and identify lapses and sunggest remedial measures.

Vegetables market in South Moti Bagh

2919. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shastri Vegetable Market, South Moti Bagh, functions on both sides of the open road from morning till evening with the connivance of local police thus obstructing vehicular traffic; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Delhi Police has reported that the vebetable sellers of the Shastri Vegetable Market sit on both sides of a 60 feet wide service road in South Moti Bagh. They cater to the local residents, and normally there is no traffic problem. The local police